

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

IN RE:
COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROCEDURES

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MISC. NO. 20-146

ORDER

The Clerk's Office front counters reopened to the public on October 19, 2020. However, the Clerk's Office remains not sufficiently staffed to maintain appropriate internal controls associated with the handling of cash transactions. Moreover, cash transactions present certain risks to the health and safety of court staff and visitors. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland that, effective immediately, cash will no longer be accepted as payment by the Clerk in this District. All fees remain payable by check, money order, or credit card; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order shall be vacated or amended as circumstances warrant.

Date: October 22, 2020

/s/ JAMES K. BREDAR
James K. Bredar, Chief Judge
United States District Court